

Boston, Nov<sup>r</sup>. 23. 1843.

My dear Sir,

With much pleasure do I hail you from this side of the Atlantic, and send my best love to you, Cousin Lucretia and your children. —

I write, <sup>by</sup> ~~at~~ Mother's desire, to invite you Cousin Lucretia & children to pass Thanksgiving day and evening here. It is Father's & Mother's earnest wish to have you all here — and you may be sure, not less, that it is mine. It will be just the opportunity I wish to have a good talk with you. — Mother wishes me to say that she regrets that she cannot also invite you to pass the night here, with your family; ~~but~~ as the house <sup>and John's</sup> will be quite filled with her family, and mine, ~~she~~ But I trust this will not deter you from coming. — You know our dinner hour — two o'clock; and we are pretty punctual on Thanksgiving day.

I believe I may truly say that I have returned home with good health. Frederic also is very well. In haste but most affectionately

Yours Sam<sup>l</sup>. May. Jun<sup>r</sup>.



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Boston, April 12, 1844.

My dear Sir,

I have time for a few lines only. We  
had quite a full meeting <sup>at Berry St -</sup> as many as before.  
Mason's Report was read - your Letter to Mr. Lottrop  
was read, and one or two alterations in the Reported  
Letter made in consequence. Four or five amend-  
ments were then made, and an adjournment  
had to the P. M.

In the afternoon, a discussion  
of near 2 1/2 hours on the general subject, and particularly  
as to what the effect <sup>had been</sup> on Southern Law, Masters &  
Slaves, <sup>from</sup> the Antislavery Movement of the North.  
(though many had left)

- It was finally, voted, unanimously, to adopt the  
amended Letter as a Reply to be forwarded to Gt.  
Britain. Messrs. Lottrop, Stetson & Thompson  
were appointed a Committee to take charge of procuring  
signatures & forwarding the <sup>Letter</sup> Address. - I was  
exceedingly sorry not to see you there. We had some  
unpleasant exhibitions from Br. Ellis, & some others.  
Ellis said he thought no Address should be sent, and  
he would sign none - what Father calls, "stiff, stout and  
stubborn".



Mr. Lottin, very frankly, said that his great reason  
in favouring action at this time, and in voting to send  
~~the~~ a Reply to the British Ministers, was that the  
whole matter of Slavery might be finished off  
then, & not delayed on any of the May Meetings,  
in Associations formed for religious purposes. —  
I said I hoped no one would vote for it in the  
expectation that it was to close the lips of any one  
on this subject in future, or that this letter would  
be a safety-valve to let off all ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> Antislavery  
for an entire year or more.

I greatly lament I must return tomorrow,  
and cannot go to Lexington yet — but I won't  
give it up. Yours with sincere affection

L. M.

Saml. May Jr.  
April 12. 1840